

## THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL PLATFORM.

**What is Promised as to Future Party Policy in the Official Declaration of Purposes Adopted at St. Louis, Mo., July 8, 1904.**

The Democratic Party of the United States, in National Convention assembled, declares its devotion to the essential principles of the Democratic faith which bring us together in party communion.

### CAPITAL AND LABOR.

We favor enactment and administration of laws, giving labor and capital impartially their just rights. Capital and labor ought not to be enemies: each is necessary to the other; each has its rights, but the rights of labor are certainly no less "vested," no less "sacred," and no less "inalienable" than the rights of capital.

### FREEDOM FOR FILIPINOS.

Wherever there may exist a people incapable of being governed under American laws, in consonance with the American Constitution, that people ought not to be a part of the American domain.

We insist that we ought to do for the Filipinos what we have done already for the Cubans, and it is our duty to make that promise now, and (upon suitable guarantees of protection to citizens of our own and other countries resident there at the time of our withdrawal) set the Filipino people upon their feet, free and independent to work out their own destiny.

### PROTECTION DENOUNCED AND TARIFF REVISION PROMISED.

We denounce protection as a robbery of the many to enrich the few, and we favor a tariff limited to the needs of the government economically administered, and so levied as not to discriminate against any industry, class or section, to the end that the burdens of taxation shall be distributed as equally as possible.

We favor a revision and a gradual reduction of the tariff by the friends of the masses and for the commonwealth, and not by the friends of its abuses, its extortions and its discriminations, keeping in view the ultimate ends of "equality of burdens and equality of opportunities," and the constitutional purpose of raising a revenue by taxation, to wit, the support of the Federal government in all its integrity and virility, but in simplicity.

### TRUSTS AND UNLAWFUL COMBINATIONS

We recognize that the gigantic trusts and combinations designed to enable capital to secure more than its just share of the joint products of capital and labor, and which have been fostered and promoted under Republican rule, are a menace to beneficial competition and an obstacle to permanent business prosperity. A private monopoly is indefensible and intolerable.

Individual equality of opportunity and free competition are essential to a healthy and permanent commercial prosperity and any trust, combination or monopoly tending to destroy these by controlling production, restricting competition or fixing prices, should be prohibited and punished by law. We especially denounce rebates and discrimination by transportation companies as the most potent agency in promoting and strengthening these unlawful conspiracies against trade.

We demand an enlargement of the powers of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, to the end that the traveling public and shippers of this

country may have prompt and adequate relief from the abuses to which they are subjected in the matter of transportation. We demand a strict enforcement of existing civil and criminal statutes against all such trusts, combinations and monopolies; and we demand the enactment of such further legislation as may be necessary to effectually suppress them.

Any trust or unlawful combination engaged in inter-State commerce which is monopolizing any branch of business or production, should not be permitted to transact business outside of the State of its origin. Whenever it shall be established in any court of competent jurisdiction that such monopolization exists, such prohibition should be enforced through comprehensive laws to be enacted on the subject.

### ELECTION OF SENATORS BY THE PEOPLE

We favor the election of United States Senators by the direct vote of the people.

### STATEHOOD FOR TERRITORIES.

We favor the admission of the territories of Oklahoma and the Indian Territory. We also favor the immediate admission of Arizona and New Mexico as separate States and a territorial government for Alaska and Porto Rico.

### CONDEMNATION OF POLYGAMY.

We demand the extermination of polygamy within the jurisdiction of the United States and the complete separation of church and State in political affairs.

### MERCHANT MARINE.

We denounce the ship-subsidy bill recently passed by the United States Senate as an iniquitous appropriation of public funds for private purposes and a wasteful, illogical and useless attempt to overcome by subsidy the obstructions raised by Republican legislation to the growth and development of American commerce on the sea. We favor the upbuilding of a merchant marine without new or additional burdens upon the people and without bounties from the public treasury.

### RECIPROCITY.

We favor liberal trade arrangements with Canada and with people of other countries where they can be entered into with benefit to American agriculture, manufacturers, mining and commerce.

### ARMY.

We favor the reduction of the army and of the army expenditures to the point historically demonstrated to be safe and sufficient.

### PENSIONS TO SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

The Democracy would secure to the surviving soldiers and sailors and their dependents, generous pensions, not by an arbitrary executive order, but by legislation, which a grateful people stand ready to enact.

### CIVIL SERVICE.

The Democratic Party stands committed to the principle of civil service reform, and we demand the honest, just and impartial enforcement of civil service laws.

### THE RACE ISSUE.

The race question has brought countless woes to this country. The calm wisdom of the American people should see to it that it brings no more.

To revive the dead and hateful race and sectional animosities in any part of our common country means confusion, distraction of business and the re-opening of wounds now happily healed. North, South, East and West have but recently stood togeth-

er in line of battle from the walls of Pekin to the hills of Santiago, and as sharers of a common glory and a common destiny we should share fraternally the common burdens.

We therefore deprecate and condemn the Bourbon-like selfish and narrow spirit of the recent Republican Convention at Chicago, which sought to kindle anew the embers of racial and sectional strife, and we appeal from it to the sober common sense and patriotic spirit of the American people.

### APPEAL TO THE COUNTRY.

Conducting the campaign upon this declaration of our principles and purposes, we invoke for our candidates the support, not only of our great and time-honored organization, but also the active assistance of all our fellow citizens who, disregarding past differences upon questions no longer in issue, desire the perpetuation of our constitutional government as framed and established by the fathers of the republic.

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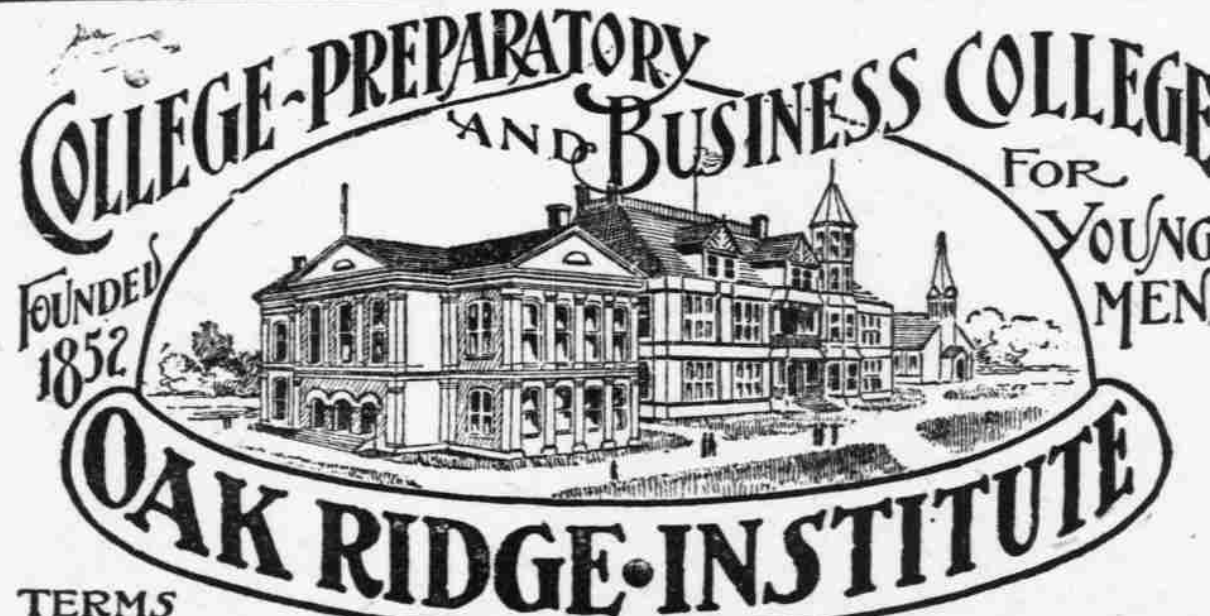
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